

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 and 2.

Please add the following new claims 3 and 4.

3. (New) The method for inventory control of a plurality of reels of detonating cord comprising;

providing numerical markings at equally spaced increments on lengths of detonating cord coiled on each reel, the numerical markings providing a visual indication of detonating cord remaining on each reel, said markings decreasing from the free end of said cord to the core of the reel,

withdrawing segments of detonating cord from a reel so that the marking appearing near the free end of the detonating cord remaining on that reel provides a visual indication of the detonating length remaining on that particular reel,

whereby one can visually determine upon inspection of each individual reel whether sufficient detonating cord remains on that reel to satisfy a particular job requirement.

4. (New) An inventory control system comprising; a plurality of reels having detonating cord coiled thereon, each of said reels having indeterminate length of detonating cord coiled thereon, said detonating cord having incremental markings decreasing from the free end to the core of said reel to provide a visual

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indication of the length of detonating cord on each reel, whereby each reel can be inspected visually to determine whether it has sufficient detonating cord remaining to satisfy a particular job requirement for a predetermined segment of such detonating cord.